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We claim:

- 1) A process for preparing (meth)acrylic esters (F) containing urethane groups by
- c) reacting an alcohol (C) containing urethane groups with (meth)acrylic acid or an ester of (meth)acrylic acid with a saturated alcohol (D), and
  - d) if desired, working up the reaction mixture from c), which comprises

conducting the reaction c) in the presence of an enzyme (E).

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- A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enzyme (E) is a lipase, esterase or protease.
- 3) A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the conversion in stage c) is set to at least 95%.
  - 4) A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the reaction c) is conducted at from 20 to 80°C.
- 20 5) A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the alcohol (C) containing urethane groups is obtainable by
  - a) reacting an amine (A) with a carbonate (B), and
  - b) if desired, working up the reaction mixture obtainable from a).

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6) A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the alcohol (C) containing urethane groups is obtainable by a reaction thus

$$R^{3}$$
 $N-H$ 
 $R^{4}$ 
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 $R^{6}$ 
 $R^{7}$ 
 $R^{7}$ 

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in which



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- R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> independently are hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>18</sub> alkyl uninterrupted or interrupted by one or more oxygen and/or sulfur atoms and/or by one or more substituted or unsubstituted imino groups, or are C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>18</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>–C<sub>12</sub> aryl, C<sub>5</sub>–C<sub>12</sub> cycloalkyl or a five- to six-membered heterocycle containing oxygen, nitrogen and/or sulfur atoms, it being possible for each of the radicals stated to be substituted by aryl, alkyl, aryloxy, alkyloxy, heteroatoms and/or heterocycles, or are a group of the formula -[X<sub>i</sub>]<sub>k</sub>-H,
- is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylene or C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> cycloalkylene or is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylene which is interrupted by one or more oxygen and/or sulfur atoms and/or by one or more substituted or unsubstituted imino groups and/or by one or more cycloalkyl, -(CO)-, -O(CO)O-, -(NH)(CO)O-, -O(CO)(NH)-, -O(CO)- or -(CO)O- groups, it being possible for each of the radicals stated to be substituted by aryl, alkyl, aryloxy, alkyloxy, heteroatoms and/or heterocycles,
  - k is a number from 1 to 50, and
- for i = 1 to k can be selected independently from the group consisting of -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(H)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-N(H)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(NH<sub>2</sub>)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(NHCHO)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, where Ph stands for phenyl and Vin stands for vinyl.
- 25 7) A reaction mixture obtainable as set forth in any of claims 1 to 6.
  - 8) A radiation curable or dual cure coating composition comprising a reaction mixture as claimed or set forth in any of claims 1 to 6.
- The use of (meth)acrylic esters containing urethane groups as set forth in any of claims 1 to 6 as reactive diluents or binders in radiation-curable or dual cure coating compositions or as comonomers in poly(meth)acrylates.
- The use of (meth)acrylic esters containing urethane groups as set forth in any of claims
   1 to 6 in a thermally induced (co)polymerization.
  - (Meth)acrylic esters containing urethane groups and obtainable by



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- a) reacting a polyethyleneimine, a hydrogenated polyacrylonitrile, a straight-chain, branched or dendritic polymer having amino functions or an at least partly hydrolyzed poly-N-vinylformamide having a weight-average molecular weight M<sub>w</sub> of from 200 to 1 000 000 with a carbonate (B) at a temperature of from 0 to 120°C,
- b) if desired, working up the reaction mixture obtainable from a),
- c) reacting the reaction mixture from a) or b) with (meth)acrylic acid or with an ester of (meth)acrylic acid with a saturated alcohol (D) in the presence of an enzyme (E), and
  - d) if desired, working up the reaction mixture from c).